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Gov. Brown Dedicates Freeway; Sept. Opening

Hundreds Attend Ceremony

TORRANCE — Ceremonies dedicating 4.6 miles of the San Diego Freeway were held Friday, with Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown officiating and promising an early - September opening date.

Although originally scheduled for public opening immediately after the ceremony, last-minute lighting and sign work has delayed the opening approximately two weeks.

On hand for Friday's dedication were dignitaries representing 11 South Bay communities, two county supervisors and officials of the State Highway Department. An estimated 250 persons attended.

J. A. Beasley, president of the Intercity Highway Committee, was master of ceremonies.

The freeway link was completed under two contracts, one from 190th St. to 174th St. and the other from 174th to Hawthorne Blvd. Total construction cost was more than \$10 million.

Work now will continue from Hawthorne Blvd north to Jefferson Blvd., a distance of 8.3 miles. There the freeway connects with the portion already completed as far as Sunset Blvd.

Projects underway currently are expected to complete the entire freeway to San Fernando by mid-1963.

The freeway now is completed between the Harbor and Long Beach Freeways, and southwest to the Orange County line.

Lighting Project

DOMINGUEZ—A \$10,000 street lighting project is nearing completion along Dominguez, Tyler and Harrison Streets, the County Road Department said this week.



LITTLE LINKSTER gets some tips from Sea-Aire golf instructor Joy Lowry prior to Junior Par Three golf tourney Monday through Wednesday.

Youngster is Earl James, one of a score of potential entrants in Recreation Department competition. See story on Page 2. —PRESS photo

Wage Hike Proposal Faces School Trustees

TORRANCE — A three per cent wage hike for all school district employees will be proposed by administration tomorrow night to the Board of Education.

The figure falls considerably short, however, of a nine per cent pay increase requested by classified employees.

School trustees will take the matter under advisement when they conduct their regular 7:30 p.m. meeting at district offices, 2335 Plaza Del Amo.

An employe union representing classified workers has asked that its members get an extra \$30 monthly, and teachers want a revised salary schedule to allow more raises faster.

Expected to appear before school trustees at Monday night's meeting is James Armstrong, past president of the Torrance Education Association.

In other action, school trustees will be asked to authorize a \$16,000 matching funds allocation for construction of a pedestrian overpass at Crenshaw Blvd. and 187th St.

City and county officials already have approved their portion of construction costs for the project, termed "vitality needed" for the protection of children attending Crenshaw School.

Also on Monday night's agenda is the report of an academic survey at North High School, completed recently by an accrediting commission on secondary schools.

A Good Job Well Done

(An Editorial)

That adage about "too many cooks" doesn't always hold true.

Sometimes, the more cooks with their fingers in the pie, the quicker the pie gets done.

That is what has happened in the case of the San Diego Freeway, a portion of which was dedicated Friday in Torrance.

Members of the Intercity Highway Committee—the "cooks" in this case—finally have won their hard-fought campaign for early completion of the freeway.

They successfully argued that South Bay motorists vitally need fast—and safe—access to and from their jobs. They obtained a promise that the freeway would be started and finished two years ahead of schedule, a pledge which was partially fulfilled Friday.

When a group of community representatives met informally nine years ago, they scarcely imagined their destiny. Still, they voted a bond of inter-city cooperation for the achievement of common goals.

In the years that ensued, 11 Torrance-area committees joined the Intercity Highway Committee. City councils each authorized one member as an official representative, and the group gained official sanction.

When it appeared some months ago that plans for a vehicle underpass at Rosecrans Ave. and Aviation Blvd. were bogged down, the Intercity Highway Committee made a plea to the county, the state and the federal government. Today, the underpass is near reality.

When committee members learned that 1965 was the anticipated completion date for the San Diego Freeway, they again went to bat.

Today the freeway, too, is nearer reality.

Although their campaign took them six times before the State Highway Commission, committee members fought discouragement. Despite delays, setbacks and outright turn-downs, they pressed for an acceptable construction schedule. The highway commission finally agreed.

And so on Friday, the state made good its promise. Not only did it announce completion of a 4.6 mile stretch of freeway here, but it pledged that work on the entire superhighway from Ventura to Signal Hill would be completed by April, 1963.

Thus, it is with great pride that we look toward the Intercity Highway Committee and its president, Torrance Councilman J. A. Beasley.

We wish them continued success in their fight for better motoring. We send them well-deserved and hard-earned congratulations for a job well done.

In short, we send them our heartfelt vote of thanks.

'LUCKY STARS' ...

Man Says Thank You For Life

"It's a miracle I'm alive today," said LeRoy Wyman, who was given only a slim chance to live only two weeks ago when he was the victim of a motorcycle-truck collision.

Tomorrow, Wyman, 21, will leave Harbor General Hospital in "safe condition" and will fly with his wife and father Roland Lemaire to Warwick, R.I.

In Rhode Island, Wyman's mother is head nurse in the post surgery recovery room at Kent County Hospital, where he will be placed for rehabilitation.

HURLED FROM CYCLE

Wyman was hurled from his motorcycle by the impact of a truck Aug. 3 and crashed, head first, through a side window of the vehicle. The victim broke the glass of the window and fell.

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Man-Wife Quarrel Ends In Stabbing

A Torrance woman called Torrance police Friday morning at 1:30 to report that she had stabbed her husband and he was on his way to Harbor General Hospital.

The suspect, now being held by police, is Joyce Arlene Gilbert, 35, wife of Leo Gilbert, 1860 Torrance Blvd.

According to hospital officials, Gilbert is in fair condition and is suffering from three knife wounds. He was stabbed with a five or six-inch kitchen knife.

Mrs. Gilbert told police that she and her husband began arguing at 11 a.m. and her husband struck her several times and rifled through her purse.

Then, Mrs. Gilbert said, she went into the kitchen and picked up a knife and returned to stab him. "The . . . didn't believe I'd do it. But I did and I hope the . . . dies," she told officers at the scene.

Police reports indicated that the suspect "smelled strongly of alcohol and spoke in a slurred manner."

The victim, taken to the hospital by his father-in-law, told officers he didn't hit or push his wife. He said he had told her to give him some cash, he was leaving.

Gilbert said he still loved his wife and didn't want anything to happen to her over this. "She just gets mad sometimes and loses her head," he told officers.

DISTRICTING PLAN FAILS

TORRANCE — City councilmen probably will be asked to establish a system of councilmanic districts, despite failure of an attempt to have the proposal placed on the November ballot.

Mrs. Eve Bisou, chairman of a committee backing the plan, said her group was unable to obtain sufficient signatures on a petition which would have put the question up for a referendum election.

Wednesday was the final filing day. Despite the lack of signatures, however, Mrs. Bisou said the question still merits consideration.

"We will ask the city council to consider district reorganization," she said. "We feel the number of signatures we did collect was impressive enough to warrant a very close look at the proposal."

Further strategy will be mapped Monday during a meeting in the office of Attorney John Barton, another proponent.



GOV. BROWN DELIGHTS YOUNGSTERS AT FREEWAY CEREMONY



PROMISES EARLY COMPLETION ...



AND, WITH SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN, CUTS RIBBON

—PRESS photos by Pat Nease